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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

October 14, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

As a labor council with local union's representing a diverse collection of workers, we have been very impressed by this Administration's support for labor. With unemployment at 12.2% in California, it is more important than ever to establish policies that create jobs and establish safeguards for workers' rights. No state has more union workers than California, and we are working hard daily to ensure our members retain their good local jobs with union wages and benefits.

During this uncertain economic time we are concerned that the network neutrality proposal currently being discussed by the Federal Communications Commission, will negatively impact the very jobs we are trying to preserve and grow. The broadband industry provides union jobs and as more broadband is deployed across the country, more union jobs are likely to follow. If net neutrality takes hold however, carriers and other related Internet companies will pull back on their investments and that could gravely impact the members we represent.

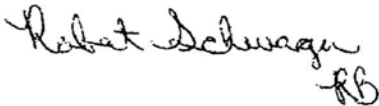
We appreciate all the work this Administration has done to protect workers and to turn the economy around. And, we support a free and open internet. However, we ask you to move cautiously before implementing any network neutrality proposal that could reduce good, local union jobs.

Sincerely,

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